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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each of the cited references, indicate such consideration by initialing each reference on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) and return a copy of the same with the next communication to the Applicants. For the convenience of the Examiner in considering the references, copies of the cited references are enclosed with this communication.

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